

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Barb Perry, Artist

May 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"How Great is Our God"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Tomlinson/Kim
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 47)

Liturgist

Clap your hands! Shout for joy!

Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; we behold God's glory.

God has gone up with a shout, with the sound of a trumpet.

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones.

Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises to our King; sing praises!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
(Susan Eldred's favorite hymn.)

MADRID

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Despite our best attempts to have faith in Christ, to love our siblings in faith, and to reflect God's glory to this world, we know we have not always lived up to who we have been called to be. But we are children of the Most High, and we are invited to bring these confessions before God, that we might find peace and forgiveness. Let us pray:

Christ who was and is and is to come, we stand looking up at the heavens, looking for you there. Forgive us for believing that you have left us. Forgive us for failing to recognize you in the world around us. Forgive us for waiting idly for your return, instead of doing the work you have called us to do. You are above us, around us, before us, and within us; help us to embody you in our time and place, today, tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hear this astounding truth: Christ is the one who reigns on high, Christ is the one with the power to judge us, and Christ is the one who offers us eternal love, forgiveness, and mercy. **All praise to Christ who lived and died and lives again! Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Keith Christopher

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Now It's Your Turn"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 257

"The Risen Christ"

WOODLANDS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(Adapted from the *Confession of 1967, 9.22*)

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

ENTERING INTO PRAYER: 414 "Be Still and Know That I Am God"
(Sung three times through.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 295

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE


"Wonderful Words of Life"

Bliss/Raney

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
 Jim Trent, Liturgist
 Paul and Beth Olin, Ushers
 Mary and Merlin Trausch, March Dye, Greeters
 Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
 Michael Beery, Music Director
 Polly Mauer, Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Vision Divina Displays 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group</p> <p>Monday, May 18 2:00 Grief Group 3:30 Adult Ed Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, May 19 10:30 Class—"Finding Resilience in Jesus" 1:00 PW Mtg— Benzie Blooms Workshop 1955 Laurel Lane Frankfort, MI</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 20 10:00 Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, May 21 9:00 Hole-y Diggers 2:00 Congregational Care Mtg 3:30 Mission Mtg</p> <p>Friday, May 22 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, May 24 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Vision Divina Displays 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group</p> <p align="center">Flower Delivery:</p> 
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PRAYER LIST

<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>The Navin Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td> <td>Peter Navin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vickie Smith</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bobbie Edwards</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cheryl Ortwein</td> <td>Dottie Patterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sara Crane</td> <td>John Sappington</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dave Whisner</td> <td>Sara Bruce</td> </tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	John Warren Robey	Peter Navin	Kristin Lehoullier	Linda Koch	Suzie Anderson	Evelyn Sengelaub	Cathy Lane	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Vickie Smith	Martha Campbell	Bobbie Edwards	Gwen Baarstad	Cheryl Ortwein	Dottie Patterson	Sara Crane	John Sappington	Dave Whisner	Sara Bruce
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NMC'S CANTICUM NOVUM
IN CONCERT WITH
DIRECTOR JEFFREY COBB

Music Down In My Soul

**MAY 30
7:30PM**

St. Andrew's Church
Beulah, MI

Suggested Donation: \$15
At the Door



Featuring the music of:

Kim André Amesen Bach Ysaye Barnwell

Brahms Jeffrey Cobb Benjamin Cramer Elaine Hagenberg

Moses Hogan Shawn Krichner Rosephanye Powell



The Next PW meeting is

May 19

1:00 P.M.

Benzie Blooms Workshop

Kathy Fabricant will give a workshop on seasonal flower plantings and care, and also demonstrate cut flower arranging for bouquets. If members of Presbyterian Women would like to make a personal bouquet to take home, it will require a \$15 fee. Anyone choosing to do that, please let either Char Kamper or Bonnie Alban know ahead of time so the owner can prepare the additional flowers.